क्र. सं.	सर्किल का नाम	डाकघरों की संख्या
9.	कर्नाटक	32
10.	केरल	34
11.	महाराष्ट्र	154
12.	मध्य प्रदेश	104
13.	उत्तर पूर्व	80
14.	उड़ीसा	83
15.	पंजाब	25
16.	राजस्थान	100
17.	तमिलनाडु	28
18.	उत्तर प्रदेश	194
19	पश्चिम बंगाल	115
	कुलः	1360

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आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के पहले-तीन वर्षों के दौरान, 30.6.95 **की स्थिति के अनुसार, मंजून किए गए शाखा डाकघर**

क्र. सं.	सर्किल का नाम	डाकघरों की संख्या
1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	18
2.	असम	53
3.	बिहार	160
4.	दिल्ली	-
5.	गुजरात	45
6.	हरियाणा	26
7.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	105
8.	जम्मूऔर कश्मीर	28
9.	कर्नाटक	31
10.	केरल	45
11.	महाराष्ट्र	142
12.	मध्य प्रदेश	85
13.	उत्तर पूर्व	75
14.	उड़ीसा	82
15.	पंजाब	18
16.	राजस्थान	92
17.	तमिलनाडु	18
18.	उत्तर प्रदेश	193
19.	पश्मिम बंगाल	90
	कुलः	1306

Demand and Supply of Liqued Hydrocarbon

1626. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that natural gas is likely to play a major role in bridging the gap between demand and supply of liquid hydrocarbon in future;

(b) if so, details of steps taken to exploit the potential provided by the natural gas in the country, and

(c) the role played by the North East region in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Natural gas is currently used mainly for production of fertilisers and power generation where it replaces liquid hydrocarbons and coal. This pattern of utilisation is likely to continue. The production of natural gas in 1994-95 was 53.1 MMSCMD of which 5.6 MMSCMD was produced in the North-East. The production potential in 2001-02 is estimated to reach 90 MMSCMD including 13 MMSCMD in the North-East. The gas produced in the North-East is likely to be consumed locally for which an allocations of around 14 MMSCMD have been made.

Proposal for Widening and Repairing of National Highways in Assam and N.E. States

1627. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Assam and other North Eastern States had submitted proposals to the Central Government for widening and rapairing of National Highways during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the action taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statewise details of proposals for widening and repair (including strengthening of pavement) for National Highways from State